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REMARKS

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1. At 1 a.m. on 25 March 1954, 4 JS-1 tanks, 7 T-34/85 tanks, 3 JSU-122 guns, 4 tank trucks, 2 ambulances, 2 repair shop trucks, 2 sedans, 1 bus and 9 trucks

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were detained in Satzborn. At 11 p.m. on 23 March, a shipment of 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 25 trucks, 3 tank trucks, 3 repair shop trucks, 2 field kitchens and 16 boxcars passed through Satzborn, coming from Sperenberg and proceeding to Neubukow. At 1:30 a.m. on 27 March, a shipment of 14 guns, 44 trucks, 2 ambulances, 2 repair shop trucks, 2 sedans, 2 field kitchens and 15 boxcars passed through Satzborn, coming from Dallgow and proceeding to Brandenburg.¹

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3. In the afternoon on 22 March, a shipment of 14 x 122-mm field howitzers, 14 YA-12 prime movers

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and 150 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia which arrived in Schwerin from the direction of Ludwigslust, was detained and left toward Ludwigsluster Strasse. At about 8 p.m., 4 prime movers towing 4 x 100-mm AT guns left the Schwerin freight station toward Ludwigsluster Strasse. At 9 p.m. on 22 March, vehicular traffic between the freight station and the town was rather heavy, with 8 YA-12 prime movers towing 100-mm AT guns being observed. A shipping document mentioning Guestraw and Wittstock and dated 21 March 1954 was seen on one of the unloaded railroad cars.³

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between mid-March and late March, all units of the Fuerstenwalde post were to leave successively for short-term exercises. Between early March and mid-March, the unit stationed in the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse was absent for 6 days, probably in Felitz near Lieberose. Major losses by tanks were reported from the area north of Trebuser See (lake) and the Eberswalde area.⁴

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 5. On 22 March, 5 presumable J8U-152 guns, [redacted] were entrained at the Kaulsdorf railroad station. Truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] were seen in the area of the freight station during the loading. The same truck had been observed in the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt (insane asylum) on 13 February.⁵ 25X1
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 6. On 15 March, a shipment of 7 boxcars occupied by troops, 1 boxcar carrying equipment and 19 flatcars with sideracks carrying 10 guns probably AT guns or field howitzers; 1 field kitchen, [redacted] went from Prenzlau to Beeskow. At about 1 p.m. on the same day, a shipment of 12 boxcars occupied by troops and 32 flatcars carrying armored personnel carriers [redacted] left the Prenzlau railroad station. A third shipment of 12 boxcars occupied by troops, 1 boxcar carrying equipment, and 25 flatcars carrying 4 presumable AT guns, 1 field kitchen, [redacted] left the Prenzlau railroad station at 3:30 p.m.; a fourth shipment of 10 boxcars occupied by troops, 1 boxcar with equipment, and 41 flatcars carrying 12 presumable AT guns or field howitzers, 6 presumable 120-mm mortars on trucks and about 20 trucks, [redacted] left the station at about 7:30 p.m.; and a fifth shipment of tanks [redacted] and 1 truck left for Templin at 7:35 p.m.⁶
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 7. On 18 March, a column of about 40 trucks, 2 radio trucks, 2 field kitchens, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, and 6 x 76-mm infantry guns passed over the road bridge near Magdeburg, coming from the west and proceeding toward the barracks installations. In the morning on 22 March, [redacted] and 10 light AA guns passed over the Magdeburg road bridge, coming from the west and proceeding toward Flak Kaserne [redacted]
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 8. [redacted]
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 9. At about 9 a.m. on 23 March, 8 van-like trucks with small side windows and a door in the rear [redacted] 8 other trucks each carrying a generator; and about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained in Bernau, the latter in 8 boxcars. At 3 p.m., 25 tank trucks, [redacted] 5 other trucks, and about 75 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained, the latter in 6 boxcars. At about 8 p.m., 8 x 37-mm AA guns, 2 field kitchens, 1 ambulance, 12 trucks and about 100 troops from the homing pigeon station [redacted] were entrained, the latter in 7 boxcars. The entrainings in Bernau did not involve any billeting equipment.⁸
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 10. In the morning on 12 March, a train of 8 boxcars occupied by troops and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 8 85-mm AT guns, 6 armored scout cars and 23 trucks, [redacted] arrived at the Eberswalde railroad station from a northern direction. At the same time, a train with 12 trucks, [redacted] 12 x 37-mm AA guns and 7 boxcars occupied by troops was shunting at the Bernau railroad station. At noon on 16 March, 8 30-mm AA guns, 8 boxcarloads of troops and about 45 trucks were entrained in Eberswalde, leaving toward north. At about 6 p.m., about 20 trucks, 17 trucks carrying pontoons and 1 sedan [redacted] and 12 boxcarloads of troops were entrained in Eberswalde. At about 8 p.m., 16 trucks carrying pontoons and 10 to 15 trucks with bridge building

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equipment were entrained. At about 4 p.m. on 16 March, a train carrying about 30 trucks, [redacted] 12 x 100-mm AT guns, 12 prime movers and 8 boxcarloads of troops passed through the Eberswalde railroad station, proceeding toward north. At about 8:15 p.m., another shipment passed through the Eberswalde railroad station, proceeding toward north. On 17 March, source did not observe any loadings at the Eberswalde railroad station. Nor did any trains pass through the station.

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11. On 16 March, a train of about 25 flatcars carrying 12 light AA guns and about 15 trucks, and 20 boxcars occupied by troops left the Rostock railroad station toward Warnemuende at about 9 a.m. 10 [redacted] At about 2 p.m. on the same day, a shipment of 20 boxcars occupied by troops and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 15 trucks and 2 SU-100 guns left the Altstrelitz railroad station toward Fuerstenberg. At about 2:30 p.m., a train of 30 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and an undetermined number of flatcars [redacted] and 5 light AA guns was observed at the Fuerstenberg railroad station. At 3 p.m., a train of 12 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 8 trucks and 10 prime movers with 10 152-mm guns was seen at the Gransee railroad station. The shipment was presumably unloaded in Gransee. Ten to 15 prime movers, each towing a gun, were seen on the road to the station. The vehicles, which were the same seen on the train, left toward the town of Gransee. At about 4 p.m. on 16 March, a shipment of 10 boxcars occupied by troops, 10 trucks [redacted] and 4 to 6 T-34 tanks [redacted] was seen at the Loewenberg railroad station. 11

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- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. On 24 March, elements of tank units of the 10th Gds Tank Div which transferred to Hillersleben on 15 March, were detrained at the Satzborn railroad station. [redacted] had already returned on 23 March. In the evening on 23 March, source observed [redacted] which carried elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div; and, in the morning on 27 March, source saw [redacted] a unit of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US).

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- 25X1 6. [] Comment. [] only trains []
 25X1 [] with artillery units of the 25th Tank Div were dispatched from
 25X1 Prenzlau to Beeskow on 15 March. Information in this report, however, tends
 25X1 to indicate that a total of 4 trains was dispatched to Beeskow. Only the
 shipment of 4 tanks of the 175th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div, which as
 entrained at 7:35 p.m., probably went to the Templin training grounds.
- 25X1 7. [] Comment. Troops observed on 18 March presumably were elements of the
 19th Gds Mech Div returning from exercises in the Letzling Heath area. On
 22 March, source observed the return of units of the 3d Gds AAA Div from the
 training area of the reinforced 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. See Field Comment 3.
- 25X1 8. [] Comment. The entrained units were elements of the 6th Gds Mech Div, and
 included a unit of the 120th (?) AAA Regt from the homing pigeon station which,
 at 8 p.m. on 23 March, was entrained for exercises which subsequently started
 in the Mirow area.
- 25X1 9. [] Comment. Source is believed to have observed the following shipments:
- 12 March. A train with a unit of the 6th Gds Mech Div which returned from the
 exercise of the 25th Tank Div in the Mirow-Neuruppin area, at the Eberswalde
 railroad station;
- 25X1 [] which returned from
 Jueterbog with elements of the 120th (?) AAA Regt, at the Bernau railroad
 station.
- 16 March. At noon, presumably a shipment of the 63d AAA Div (US), at the
 Eberswalde railroad station;
 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., two shipments of elements of the 3d Engr Regt, at the
 Eberswalde railroad station. All shipments are fairly definitely believed to
 have gone to the Lieberose area for exercises of the 7th Gds Mech Div. The
 engineers probably returned to Eberswalde from Beeskow as late as 23 March.
- In the afternoon, two shipments of elements of the 71st Light Arty Brig (US),
 which also went to the abovementioned exercises, passing through the Eberswalde
 railroad station.
- 25X1 10. [] Comment. This shipment is believed to have gone to the Wustrow firing
 range toward Bad Doberan, rather than Warnemuende.
- 25X1 11. [] Comment. Source, at the four railroad stations mentioned, probably
 observed detraining of units of the Third Shock Army, who went to the
 exercise of the reinforced 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which started after
 17 March.

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